Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for updating presence information for a user on a network, wherein the user accesses the network via a first client device and a second client device, the method comprising:

prioritizing a plurality of client status identifiers, wherein the prioritized plurality of client status identifiers is ordered from a lowest priority level to a highest priority level;

receiving a first client status identifier from the first client device, wherein the first client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers;

receiving a second client status identifier from the second client device, wherein the second client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers;

populating a first client view with the first client status identifier and a second client view with the second client status identifier;

determining accurate presence information for the user, wherein determining the accurate presence information for the user comprises:

determining that the first client status identifier indicates the accurate presence information for the user when the first client status identifier has a higher priority level than the second client status identifier based on a comparison of the ~~prioritized plurality of~~ first client status identifier[[s]] to the second client status identifier;

determining that the second client status identifier indicates the accurate presence information for the user when the second client status identifier has a higher priority level than the first client status identifier based on a comparison of the ~~prioritized plurality of~~ first client status identifier[[s]] to the second client status identifier; and

determining that both the first client status identifier and the second client status identifier indicate the accurate presence information for the user when the first client

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status identifier and the second client status identifier have a same priority level based on a comparison of the ~~prioritized plurality of~~ first client status identifier~~[[s]]~~ to the second client status identifier;

populating a master view with the accurate presence information for the user~~,~~;

~~updating the presence information of the user with~~ wherein the master view reflects the accurate presence information to a plurality of subscribers of the user within a messaging group;

subsequent to receiving the first client status identifier and the second client status identifier, receiving a third client status identifier from the first client device, wherein the third client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers and is different from the first client status identifier and the second client status identifier;

populating the first client view with the third client status identifier;

determining that the third client status identifier indicates inaccurate presence information for the user by determining that the third client status identifier has a lower priority level than the second client status identifier based upon a comparison of the ~~prioritized plurality of~~ third client status identifier~~[[s]]~~ to the second client status identifier; and

maintaining the accurate presence information ~~of the user with the accurate presence information~~ within the master view.

34.   (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 33, the method further comprising:

subsequent to receiving the first client status identifier and the third client status identifier, receiving an updated client status identifier from the first client device, wherein the updated client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers;

populating the first client view with the updated client status identifier;

determining the updated client status identifier indicates the accurate presence information for the user ~~comprising determining that~~ when the updated client status identifier has a higher priority level than the second client status identifier based upon a comparison of the ~~prioritized plurality of~~ updated client status identifier~~[[s]]~~ to the second client status identifier; and

further populating the master view with ~~the updated client status identifier, wherein the~~ ~~master view indicates~~ the accurate presence information for the user~~; and~~

~~updating the presence information of the user with~~, wherein the master view reflects the accurate presence information to the plurality of subscribers of the user within a messaging group.

35.   (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 33, the method further comprising:

subsequent to receiving the first client status identifier and the third client status identifier, receiving an updated client status identifier from the first client device, wherein the updated client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers;

populating the first client view with the updated client status identifier;

determining the updated client status identifier indicates in~~accurate~~ presence information for the user ~~comprising determining that~~ when the second client status identifier has a higher priority level than the updated client status identifier based on the prioritized plurality of client status identifiers; and

~~populating the master view with the second client status identifier, wherein the master~~ ~~view indicates the accurate presence information for the user; and~~

~~updating the presence information of the user with the accurate presence information~~

maintaining the accurate presence information within the master view.

36.   (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 33, wherein the plurality of client status identifiers includes one or more of: online, offline, away, invisible, busy, back soon, on phone, and at lunch.

37.   (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 33, wherein the first client view represents presence information of the first client device and the

second client view represents presence information of the second client device, wherein the first client view and the second client view are associated with the user.

38.   (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 33, wherein ~~updating the presence information of the user with the accurate presence information~~ populating the master view with the accurate presence information for the user further comprises publishing the accurate presence information within the master view to the plurality of subscribers.

39.   (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 33, wherein the first client status identifier is an "online" client status identifier, the second client status identifier is an "online" client status identifier, the third client status identifier is either an "idle" or "offline" client status identifier, and the master view indicates the accurate presence information as "online" for the user.

40.   Canceled.

41.   (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for updating presence information for a user on a network, wherein the user accesses the network via a first client device and a second client device, the method comprising:

prioritizing a plurality of client status identifiers, wherein the prioritized plurality of client status identifiers is ordered from a lowest priority level to a highest priority level;

receiving a first client status identifier from the first client device, wherein the first client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers;

receiving a second client status identifier from the second client device, wherein the second client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers;

populating a first client view with the first client status identifier and a second client view with the second client status identifier;

determining accurate presence information for the user comprising determining whether the first client status identifier or the second client status identifier has a higher priority level

based on ~~a comparison of~~ the prioritized plurality of client status identifiers, wherein a client status identifier having a higher priority level indicates the accurate presence information for the user;

populating a master view with the accurate presence information~~;~~

~~updating the presence information of the user with,~~ wherein the master view reflects the accurate presence information to a plurality of subscribers of the user within a messaging group;

subsequent to receiving the first client status identifier and the second client status identifier, receiving a third client status identifier from the first client device, wherein the third client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers and is different from the first client status identifier and the second client status identifier;

populating the first client view with the third client status identifier;

determining inaccurate presence information for the user by determining that the third client status identifier has a lower priority level than the second client status identifier based on the prioritized plurality of client status identifiers; and

maintaining the accurate presence information ~~of the user with the accurate presence information~~ within the master view.

42.-43.   Canceled.

44.   (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 41, wherein the prioritized plurality of client status identifiers include one or more user-defined client status identifiers.

45.   (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 41, wherein the first client view represents presence information of the first client device and the second client view represents presence information of the second client device, wherein the first client view and the second client view are associated with the user.

46.   (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 41, wherein ~~updating the presence information of the user with the accurate presence information~~ reflecting the master view to a plurality of subscribers of the user within a messaging group

further comprises the accurate presence information <u>populated within the master view</u> to <u>the</u> <u>plurality of</u> subscribers.

47.-48.   Canceled.

49.   (Currently Amended) A computer system for updating presence information for a user on a network, wherein the user accesses the network via a first client device and a second client device, comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory, communicatively coupled to the at least one processor and containing instructions that, when executed by the at least one processor, perform a method, comprising:

prioritizing a plurality of client status identifiers, wherein the prioritized plurality of client status identifiers is ordered from a lowest priority level to a highest priority level;

receiving a first client status identifier from the first client device, wherein the first client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers;

receiving a second client status identifier from the second client device, wherein the second client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers;

populating a first client view with the first client status identifier and a second client view with the second client status identifier;

determining accurate presence information for the user comprising determining whether the first client status identifier or the second client status identifier has a higher priority level based on <u>a comparison of</u> the prioritized plurality of client status identifiers, wherein a client status identifier having a higher priority level indicates the accurate presence information for the user;

populating a master view with the accurate presence information for the user~~;~~<u>,</u>

~~updating the presence information of the user with~~ <u>wherein the master view</u> <u>reflects</u> the accurate presence information <u>to a plurality of subscribers of the user within a</u> <u>messaging group</u>;

<u>subsequent to receiving the first client status identifier and the second client status</u>

identifier, receiving a third client status identifier from the first client device, wherein the third client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers and is different from the first client status identifier and the second client status identifier;

populating the first client view with the third client status identifier;

determining that the third client status identifier indicates inaccurate presence information for the user by determining that the third client status identifier has a lower priority level than the second client status identifier based on the prioritized plurality of client status identifiers; and

maintaining the accurate presence information ~~of the user with the accurate presence information~~ within the master view.

50.   (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 49, wherein the method executed by the at least one processor further compris[[ing]]es:

subsequent to receiving the first client status identifier and the third client status identifier, receiving an updated client status identifier from the first client device, wherein the updated client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers;

populating the first client view with the updated client status identifier;

determining the updated client status identifier indicates the accurate presence information for the user ~~comprising determining that~~ when the updated client status identifier has a higher priority level than the second client status identifier based upon a comparison of the ~~prioritized plurality of~~ updated client status identifier[[s]] to the second client status identifier;

further populating the master view with ~~the updated client status identifier, wherein the master view indicates~~ the accurate presence information for the user; ~~and~~

~~updating the presence information of the user with,~~ wherein the master view reflects the accurate presence information to the plurality of subscribers of the user within a messaging group.

51.   (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 49, wherein the method executed by the at least one processor further compris[[ing]]es:

subsequent to receiving the first client status identifier and the third client status
identifier, receiving an updated client status identifier from the first client device, wherein the
updated client status identifier is one of the plurality of client status identifiers;

populating the first client view with the updated client status identifier;

determining the updated client status identifier indicates inaccurate presence information
for the user comprising determining that when the second client status identifier has a higher
priority level than the updated client status identifier based on the prioritized plurality of client
status identifiers; and

populating the master view with the second client status identifier, wherein the master
view indicates the accurate presence information for the user; and

updating the presence information of the user with the accurate presence information

maintaining the accurate presence information within the master view.

52.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 49, wherein the plurality of
client status identifiers include one or more of: online, offline, away, invisible, busy, back soon,
on phone, and at lunch.

53.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 49, wherein the first client
view represents presence information of the first client device and the second client view
represents presence information of the second client device, wherein the first client view and the
second client view are associated with the user.

54.   (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 49, wherein updating the
presence information of the user with the accurate presence information populating the master
view with the accurate presence information for the user further comprises publishing the
accurate presence information within the master view to the plurality of subscribers.

55.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 49, wherein the first client status identifier is an "online" client status identifier, the second client status identifier is an "online" client status identifier, the third client status identifier is either an "idle" or "offline" client status identifier, and the master view indicates the accurate presence information as "online" for the user.

56.   Canceled.